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In re)
Application of: Ambroise, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/734,101)
Filed: December 11, 2000)
For: Porous Biaxially Oriented High)
Density Polyethylene Film with)
Hydrophilic Properties)

Before the Examiner:
Hai Vo
Group Art Unit No.: 1771
Confirmation No.: 3915
Attorney Docket No.: 10244



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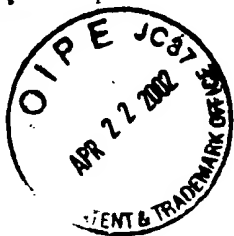
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For: POROUS BIAXIALLY ORIENTED HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE FILM WITH
HYDROPHILIC PROPERTIES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, please delete the sixth full paragraph (lines 21-28), and replace it with the following new paragraph:

Methods for making films with a surface layer with an open cell pore structure are described in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/079,807, filed May 15, 1998, now abandoned. According to this method a cavitating agent is used with a particular polymeric matrix material, which may be high density polyethylene (HDPE). When this material is stretched, separations which form voids are formed not only horizontally, i.e. within or parallel to the plane of the film, but also in the vertical dimension or perpendicular to the plane of the film.

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